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FALL MOVIE GUIDE

With ditzy summer blockbuster season over, autumn brings more thoughtful fare Metro offers top picks, from James Bond to Oscar hopefuls {page 09}

In the news

Hot stove for sale

Delaware State Police are looking for two men who stole a six-burner gas range stove from a TGI Friday's in Wilmington. Police said the men broke into the restaurant July 31 around 4:45 a.m. by cutting through a fence, and carted away the stove, valued at $1,200, in a U-Haul truck. They also removed security cameras from the back of the restaurant, according to investigators. METRO

In the news

West Nile death

A 76-year-old New Castle woman suffering from West Nile virus died on Thursday, becoming Delaware's first fatality from the mosquito-borne infection, according to state public health officials. Test results this week confirmed that an 80-year-old woman in Wilmington is also ill with the virus, bringing infections in Delaware this year to three. METRO

News in brief

Social Security scam reported again in city

SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA. A city man has been charged with holding a 63-year-old deaf man hostage for months in a basement in a scheme to steal his Social Security checks.

Authorities arrested Dwayne Young, 56, on Monday after being tipped off that he was keeping William Richardson against his will at Young's home at the 5500 block of Wheeler Street. Richardson, who cannot speak or hear, was found in a locked basement with a bed, chair and commode, police said.

According to reports, William Richardson went missing in April and his family reported it to police shortly thereafter. Police said he did not shows signs of any physical injuries, but was hungry.

The case is reminiscent of the Tacony dungeon case last year, in which Linda Ann Weston and two others are charged with keeping mentally disabled people captive, including Weston's niece, in the boiler room of a Tacony home to steal their Social Security checks. METRO

Charges for black market bear claws

PENNSYLVANIA. One of two Cumberland County couples charged with allegedly buying and selling bear gall bladders, paws and a porcupine to an undercover officer during a sting operation appeared in court Thursday.

Investigators said that after receiving a tip, an officer visited the Nail Care salon in Marysville on Nov. 15 and allegedly discussed the bear parts trade with someone named Wendy, later identified as Van Thi Do, 43. Do allegedly called the officer back to say her husband, later identified as Hung Quoc Pham, 50, was interested in purchasing a bear gall bladder, which, according to the paper, can be purchased for $100 to $150, processed into a powder form, and resold for medicinal purposes in some Asian communities for between $5,000 and $10,000.

Do, Pham and another couple also allegedly bought bear paws, bear meat and a dead porcupine. METRO

Controller: TransPasses disappear at city schools

Top city auditor found from small sampling lack of oversight for SEPTA student passes Claims millions could be falling through the cracks

As the Philadelphia School District faces a $200 million-plus budget hole that seems to widen by the day, City Controller Alan Butkovitz released an audit Thursday that paints a picture of financial mismanagement within the system.

According to his report, a lack of oversight of the school district's $33 million program providing free transportation to eligible school students through weekly SEPTA passes may lead to the loss of millions of dollars annually.

"As we first discovered in our 2008 school district special audit of TransPasses, failing to provide adequate accountability is an ongoing matter that needs to be corrected immediately," Butkovitz said in a statement. "It would be inconceivable if the school district continued to ignore our finding and recommendation and not implement and monitor on a weekly basis the student TransPass program."

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Lost TransPasses from a sampling of four high schools out of a total of 4,944 TransPasses they received – or 12 percent, resulting in an estimated loss of $9,545 for that week alone.

School personnel who issue the passes are required to account for each one, checking students' names off the list as they claim them and keeping a monthly tally of the number of passes the school received, distributed and returned.

At all four schools surveyed, Butkovitz said, the majority of TransPass distribution lists weren't signed by the employees responsible for handling the passes. Workers at two of the schools said they didn't count the actual number of TransPasses given out, but instead based their monthly summary on the difference between the number of passes they received and the number of passes they had left when it came time to return them.

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▶ SEPTA transPass

The School District said in a written response that they will reinforce the importance of complying with TransPass policies during ongoing principals training and add the topic to their mandatory Principal Financial Planning agenda.

Cracks in budget?

Other concerns raised by Butkovitz's report include:

- Negative balances for school activities — at least one activity at 12 out of 20 schools — totaled $44,207 for fiscal year 2011 due to overspending.
- $10.3 million in capital costs were improperly expensed, leading the district to overstated expenses and understated assets.
- The district's computerized system automatically approved payroll entries that were not signed off on by unit administrators, instead of following up with those administrators to make sure the entries weren't wrong or fraudulent.

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Crime. Airport scare

▶ Authorities reportedly indicated later Thursday that the "hoax" alert may have been called in by an ex-girlfriend of a man flying from Philadelphia to Dallas for his 29th birthday.

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Fake alert forces airplane landing at PHL

The FBI is investigating a phone call that turned around a U.S. Airways flight bound for Dallas Thursday after the caller claimed that a man on board was carrying a hazardous substance. He said that after the plane returned safely to Philadelphia International Airport around 8:40 a.m., the man and his luggage were searched. "At this time, all indications are that this was a hoax and a pretty nasty trick was played on a passenger," a city police inspector said.

City cop charged with writing prescriptions

PHILADELPHIA. A Philadelphia police officer was charged by federal prosecutors Thursday with using phony prescriptions to buy pain medication.

Officer Andre Lamont Daniels, 41, of the 22nd District, is accused of using the fraudulent prescriptions 14 times between June 2009 and January 2010 at various pharmacies in North Philadelphia. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Daniels, a 15-year veteran of the force, has been suspended with the intent to dismiss. If convicted, he faces up to 56 years in prison.

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In the news

Synthetic weed behind huge Montco drug sting

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Fifteen people were charged Thursday with allegedly selling synthetic drugs and paraphernalia in the tri-state area through a business named J&L Wholesale Distributors, Inc. following a yearlong string of investigations, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office said.

Investigators said narcotics task forces from Montgomery and Lehigh counties began to target synthetic drugs in separate efforts beginning around September 2011, a month after they became illegal in Pennsylvania Undercover officers bought synthetic marijuana and drug paraphernalia from multiple gas stations and convenience stores and followed up by executing search warrants on them.

After speaking with store owners and reviewing evidence, the investigators said they realized many of the illegal substances were coming from the same business, J&L Wholesale Distributors Inc., in Allentown.

Officials set up a business front and credit card account for the sole purpose of buying the illegal substances from J&L. Undercover detectives in Montgomery County allegedly bought various quantities of the stuff over the course of several months from both J&L and a subsidiary of the company. METRO/AW

Philly government gets data-centric

City hires first-ever chief data officer to lead online data portal Proof 'the way cities work is changing'

A former information analyst for the state of Delaware has been appointed the city's first chief data officer, tasked with developing the city's new open data platform.

Mark Headd will work in the Office of Innovation and Technology and be responsible for providing data to the public online through a searchable, user-friendly catalog. Mayor Michael Nutter established the city's open data policy with an executive order signed in April.

Headd comes from Code for America, a nonprofit organization that helps city governments become more connected through innovation, where he served as government relations director. Prior to joining Code for America, he served as chief policy and budget adviser for Delaware's Department of Technology and Information and technology adviser to former Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper.

"The Chief Data Officer is the ultimate data matchmaker. The vision for this new role is to create new innovation and citizen engagement opportunities for collaboration by bridging the gap between those who generate data and those who consume data."
ADEL EBID, CITY CIO

"The way cities work is changing. They're evolving to better engage citizens, connect with each other, and leverage data for better decision-making," said Jennifer Pahlka, founder and executive director of Code for America. "Philadelphia has been a leader in that movement, and we're honored to have one of our own join their ranks as the chief data officer."

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▶ Philly is getting more data-driven.

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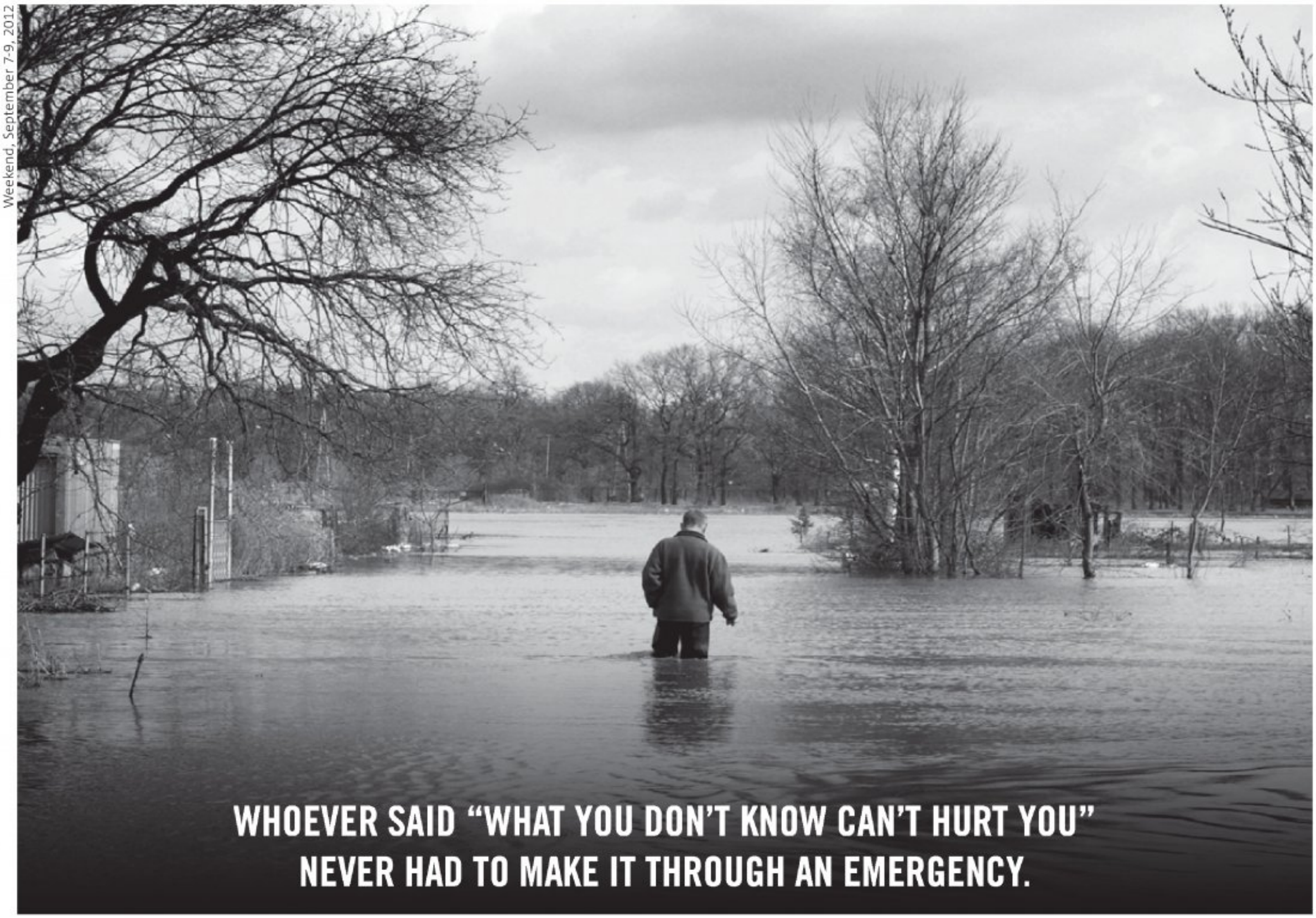

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No sign of convention bounce yet for Barack Obama in latest poll

So far, U.S. President Barack Obama has not received much of a bounce yet in popular support from the Democratic National Convention, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found on Thursday.

"We're not seeing a sort of glimmer, at this point, of a bump," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

The online survey included questions to voters on Wednesday before former President Bill Clinton's well-received speech on the convention floor, so Clinton's influence has not yet been taken into account.

Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, delivered an electrifying speech on Tuesday, and those polled for the Thursday poll would have had the chance to have heard her.

Clark said Obama could get a delayed bounce. Romney began his Tampa convention last week behind Obama, 46 percent to 42 percent, before taking a small lead.

"I do think we probably will see a small bump still. Maybe we won't start seeing it until Friday, Saturday or Sunday. I think it will be very modest," Clark said.

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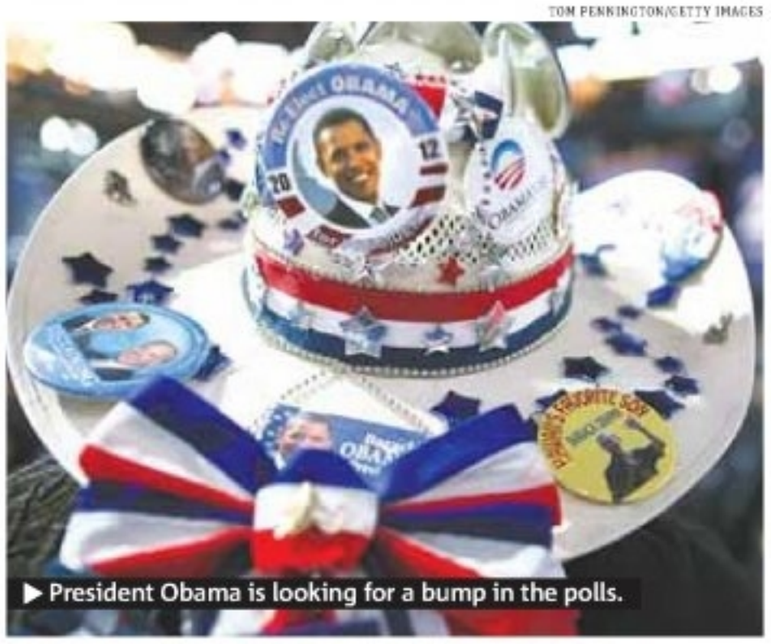

▶ President Obama is looking for a bump in the polls.

The findings are from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from Sept. 2-6. For the survey, a sample of 1,623 American registered voters was interviewed online.

The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points for all respondents.

While conventions normally produce a tick up in support for candidates, this year seems different with many Americans having already divided into opposing sides. **REUTERS**

News in brief

S&P hits high after four years, Euro bond buyout

NEW YORK. The S&P 500 jumped to a more than four-year high on Thursday as a new bond-buying program in Europe was hailed as an effective way to contain the region's debt crisis.

Positive sentiment was also lifted by bullish data on the U.S. services sector and labor market, the latter especially notable ahead of Friday's nonfarm payrolls report.

The rally was broad, with materials, financials and industrials — all groups tied to the pace of economic growth — leading the way with gains of more than 2 percent. Advancers outnumbered decliners by a ratio of more than 4 to 1 while the Dow had its biggest gain in two months and the Nasdaq advanced to its highest level since 2000. **REUTERS**

4 to 1

Advancers outnumbered decliners by a ratio of more than 4 to 1

Obama outlines plans to revitalize US economy

President Barack Obama made his argument for reelection in a high-profile closing act at the Democratic National Convention that he used to spell out his plans to revitalize the stumbling U.S. economy.

Obama gave his acceptance speech for his party's presidential nomination in a much smaller venue than planned, the 20,000-seat Time Warner Cable Arena, after the threat of severe weather forced a move from a 74,000-seat outdoor football stadium.

It was a hard act to follow in President Bill Clinton, who took on challenger Mitt Romney and his fellow Republicans in a detailed attack on Wednesday night that ignited the arena.

Vice President Joe Biden also spoke on the final night of a three-day convention that marked the start of the fall campaign season. **REUTERS**

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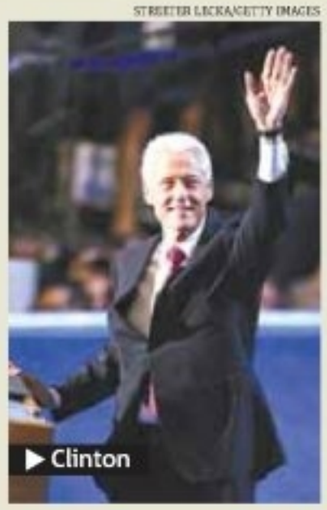

▶ Clinton

Clinton hailed on Twitter, but beaten by NFL in ratings

Former President Bill Clinton fired up the Democratic National Convention and sparked more than 22,000 tweets per minute, but several million more Americans tuned into football than watched him on television.

Some 21 million Americans watched the National Football League's season kickoff game on NBC between the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants on Wednesday night, dwarfing the 7.5 million who watched Clinton's lengthy, humorous and detail-heavy address on the ABC and CBS networks, according to Nielsen data. **REUTERS**

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In the news

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▶ Fallen Hero Memorial

Fort Hood accused is ordered to shave

NEW YORK. The man accused of killing 13 people at the Fort Hood army base has been told to shave his beard before his murder trial — or have it forcibly removed.

Major Nidal Hasan said he had grown it in compliance with his Muslim faith.

But a military judge said Hasan had failed to prove sincere religious reasons for the beard, which is against army regulations. **METRO**

Olympic star Gabby Douglas to pen memoir at age 16

Sixteen-year-old Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas plans to write an "inspirational memoir" that will be published later this year, People Magazine said on Thursday.

Douglas made history in London at the 2012 Summer Olympics when she became the first African-American to win the gold medal in the all-round individual gymnastics competition.

"Even before I competed in the Olympics, I always wanted to write a book," Douglas told the magazine, adding it will detail how much she and her family overcame to achieve her Olympic dream.

"Even before I competed in the Olympics, I always wanted to write a book."
DOUGLAS TOLD PEOPLE MAGAZINE

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▶ Douglas with her gold

Douglas, who took home two Olympic gold medals, left her family in Virginia when she was 12 years old to train with a new coach in Iowa.

The book, "Grace, Gold and Glory, My Leap of Faith" will be published by the Zondervan division of HarperCollins in December.

"Gabby Douglas shines even more brightly than her Olympic Gold Medals. The reason is her inner strength and strong faith," Lisa Sharkey, Harper's vice president said in a statement. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Lumia flop prompts Nokia to cut price of older models

Loss-making Nokia has slashed prices of its older smartphone models using Microsoft Windows software, industry sources said on Thursday, a day after investors gave its latest Lumia phones a rapid thumbs-down.

Two industry sources told Reuters that the Finnish group, which is struggling to recoup ground lost to its rivals, cut the price of its mid-range Lumia 800 Windows Phone by around 15 percent this week and made smaller reductions on other Windows models.

GETTY IMAGES

Nokia shares continued falling as the firm unveiled two new Windows Phone models. **REUTERS**

Nokia sorry for fake Lumia video

Nokia has apologized after it emerged that an advert featuring video footage which appeared to have been filmed with its new flagship smartphone, the Nokia 920, had in fact been created using different equipment.

The Verge tech site revealed the issue after it noticed a window reflection of a cameraman holding what appeared to be an SLR camera.

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FALL MOVIE GUIDE: BACK TO BETTER

We've had our fun all summer long with silly comic book films, star-packed action movies and our fair share of mediocre comedies As the weather gets cooler, the more serious-minded fare makes its way into the local cinema — but it's bringing along the next James Bond installment, some family flicks and a horror film or two

Oscar bait

SEPTEMBER

'The Master,' Sept. 14
You could all but hand the Oscar statuette over to Paul Thomas Anderson, so big is the buzz for this film that is rumored to be loosely based on the life of Scientology founder Ron L. Hubbard.

'Trouble with the Curve,' Sept. 21
We're hoping everyone's over the now-infamous RNC empty chair incident once Clint Eastwood makes an appearance with this film about an aging baseball talent scout who takes his daughter on a last recruiting trip.

OCTOBER

'Argo,' Oct. 12
Ben Affleck solidifies his status as a top-flight Hollywood director with his third film behind the camera, this one centering on a CIA "exfiltration" specialist who plans to free six Americans in hiding during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis.

'Seven Psychopaths,' Oct. 12
From Martin McDonagh, the man who brought us "In Bruges," comes a quirky ensemble comedy about a part-time dog thief who swipes the wrong shih-tzu — that of a psychotic gangster played by Woody Harrelson.

'Killing Them Softly,' Oct. 19
Brad Pitt is already getting high praise for this thriller about an enforcer (Pitt) who investigates a heist that occurred during a mob-protected poker game.

'The Sessions,' Oct. 26 (limited)
John Hawkes, William H. Macy and Helen Hunt star in this gentle story about a man with an iron lung (Hawkes) who, while entering middle age, seeks the help of a professional sex surrogate (Hunt) in order to lose his virginity.

NOVEMBER

'Flight,' Nov. 2
Like an alternative universe scenario of Captain Chesley Sullenberger, this Robert Zemeckis film, starring Denzel Washington, centers on one pilot who saves his plane from disaster. Unfortunately for the hero, an investigation into the incident offers some damning evidence against him.

▶ Daniel Day-Lewis makes the best Abraham Lincoln penny profile we've seen in a while.

DAVID JAMES

November

'Lincoln'

Nov. 9
Daniel Day-Lewis, Spielberg and Sally Field? Wrap it up, we'll take it. This look at the 16th president's struggle to negotiate the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is all but guaranteed a few awards nods later in the year.

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JAY MAIDMENT

▶ Tom Hanks and Halle Berry are romantic partners in the many time periods of "Cloud Atlas."

October

'Cloud Atlas'

Oct. 26
Eyeballs will explode and minds will be blown — so we hear — by this ambitious Wachowski Brothers adaptation of the multidimensional novel by David Mitchell. Tom Hanks and Halle Berry play several characters in the past, present and future.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

▶ Suraj Sharma makes his acting debut in "Life of Pi."

November

'Life of Pi'

Nov. 21 (limited)
Director Ang Lee may make his comeback after 2009's egregious dud, "Taking Woodstock." This 3-D adaptation of the 2001 book of the same name promises to be magical, mystical and loaded with exotic animals behaving strangely.

More top picks

▶ Keira Knightley stars in "Anna Karenina."

'This Must Be the Place'

Nov. 2 (limited)
Much like his breathtaking transformation for "Milk," Sean Penn is almost unrecognizable in lipstick and a bushy black wig here as Cheyenne, an aging rock star in retirement. After a missed opportunity to say goodbye to his dying father, Cheyenne goes on a mission to kill the man that had taunted his dad in Auschwitz.

'Anna Karenina'

Nov. 16th (limited)
Keira Knightley has been spending a lot of time in corsets lately. In addition to last year's "A Dangerous Method," she now takes on the infamous title character of Leo Tolstoy's 1877 novel.

Action films

The fall movie season isn't only about high-minded awards-bait. James Bond and a few very able heroic counterparts will be blasting their way through the chilly months as well.

SEPTEMBER

'Stolen' Sept. 14
Oh Nicolas Cage, what awesome one-liners can you give us that will make their way into another great supercut of your strangest onscreen moments? We're hoping there will be plenty in this action film about a former thief searching for his kidnapped daughter.

OCTOBER

'Taken 2' Oct. 5
Liam Neeson is going on an awfully long streak of playing bad-ass rebels who make no apologies — and we're glad to welcome another installment to that series, this time with a sequel to his 2008 Luc Besson film.

JOE ALBLAS

▶ "I am the law!"

September

'Dredd 3-D'

Sept. 21
Like any other film set in the future, this take on the comic book "Judge Dredd" finds us in an irradiated nightmare wherein the police force acts as judge, jury and executioner.

FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

▶ Daniel Craig rocks the scruffy-sexy look in "Skyfall."

November

'Skyfall'

Nov. 9
The world has been waiting for this 23rd Bond film for quite some time, with only the announcement of Bond girl Naomie Harris as a quantum of solace (sorry, couldn't help it) Javier Bardem serves as 007's nemesis and Sam Mendes directs. Daniel Craig, of course, continues his reign as the smoldering spy.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

▶ "The Man with the Iron Fists" is otherworldly.

'Alex Cross' Oct. 19
Tyler Perry in an action film? Oh yes, it is happening. The famous purveyor of sitcoms, rom-coms and "Madea" movies takes a serious turn in this procedural crime film based on the James Patterson novel, "Cross."

NOVEMBER

'Red Dawn' Nov. 21
Could a bunch of teenagers defend their small Washington home town from an invasion of the North Korean military? Chris Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson and Jeffrey Dean Morgan will help us find out.

November

'The Man with the Iron Fists'

Nov. 2
Co-written, co-starring and directed by RZA, with additional cast members Russell Crowe and Lucy Liu, this martial arts mayhem boasts a killer soundtrack with contributions from Kanye West, Method Man, The Wu-Tang Clan, Ghostface Killah and RZA himself.

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Date Night

There's nothing like a movie that examines the nature of relationships to put your own under the microscope, but these selections will make the process less painful.

SEPTEMBER

"Liberal Arts" Sept. 14
Auteur-in-training Josh Radnor follows up the success of "Happythankyoumoreplease" with a film about a 30-something writer who returns to his alma mater, only to find himself powerfully drawn to a young co-ed (Elizabeth Olsen).

"10 Years" Sept. 14
High school reunions are such fertile ground for messy, sentimental hook-ups, but in the case of Jake (Channing Tatum) it may offer an opportunity to rekindle the romance with classmate Mary (Rosario Dawson).

OCTOBER

"Pitch Perfect" Oct. 5
Find yourself having "Glee" withdrawal? Hollywood will keep you supplied with the high school musical smack that'll keep you going till the next fix. Anna Kendrick, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Brittany Snow star in this film about an all-girls a-capella group determined to crush their male opponents in a singing competition.

"Nobody Walks" Oct. 12 (limited)
John Krasinski, Olivia Thirlby and Rosemarie DeWitt make up a bizarre love triangle in which, as the title indicates, no one really gets off easy.

NOVEMBER

"Silver Linings Playbook" Nov. 21
It's a bit hard to imagine Bradley Cooper as a broken man freshly checked out of the mental institution, but we think he has the chops to convince us.

JOE ALBLAS

September

'The Perks of Being a Wallflower'

Sept. 21 (limited)
Stephen Chbosky's book by the same name has often been considered a modern classic in young adult literature. Directed by the author, this film also boasts Emma Watson in her first post-Potter outing.

ANDREW COOPER, SMPSP

November

'Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part Two'

November 16
Hopefully all your tears will have dried from the demise of Robsten by the time promotion of this film requires that the two actors offer squirm-inducing explanations for their public breakup during an excruciating series of interviews. There's not enough ice cream in the world that will make this better.

▶ Here's to the memories ...

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THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30. Digital Presentation
BRAVE (PG) 10:05, 12:35, 3:15, 5:45. Digital Presentation
THE CAMPAIGN (R) 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 7:55, 10:05. Digital Presentation
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20, 11:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:10-1:45-4:15-7:00-9:20. Digital Presentation
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 10:40, 2:20, 6:15, 9:40. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30. Digital Presentation
HIT & RUN (R) 8:15, 10:45. Digital Presentation
INDIANA JONES AND THE RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) 10:00, 12:45, 3:30, 7:10, 10:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
LAWLESS (R) 10:45, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15. Digital Presentation
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN (PG) 10:20, 3:00. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 12:40, 5:20, 7:40. RealD 3D; Sun 12:40-5:20-7:40-10:00. RealD 3D
THE POSSESSION (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20, 11:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-12:45-3:10-5:30-8:00-10:20. Digital Presentation
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 10:05, 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10. Digital Presentation
SPARKLE (PG-13) 11:15, 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40. Digital Presentation
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri 10:10, 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10. Digital Presentation; Sat 12:30-3:00-5:20-7:45-10:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:45-10:10. Digital Presentation

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BACHELORETTE (R) Fri and Sat 10:10, 12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30, 12:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:30-2:45-5:20-8:00-10:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD (PG-13) 10:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:10, 4:30, 7:40, 10:55. Digital Presentation; Sun 1:10-4:30-7:40. Digital Presentation
BRANDED (R) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:30, 5:10, 8:05, 10:45, 12:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-2:30-5:10-8:05.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
BRAVE (PG) 10:55, 4:20. Digital Presentation
BRAVE IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:40. RealD 3D
THE CAMPAIGN (R) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-12:45-3:00-5:30-8:15. Digital Presentation
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:35, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10, 12:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:35-2:15-5:00-7:30-10:10. Digital Presentation
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) 11:05, 2:50, 6:35, 9:40, 10:15. Digital Presentation
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:25. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) Fri and Sat 11:45, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:45-2:35-5:05-7:45-10:15. Digital Presentation
HIT & RUN (R) Fri and Sat 7:10, 9:50, 12:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 7:10-9:50. Digital Presentation
HOPE SPRINGS (PG-13) 10:05, 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10. Digital Presentation
ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 10:45, 1:30. Digital Presentation
INDIANA JONES AND THE RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri and Sat 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 12:45. Digital Presentation;IMAX; Sun 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
THE INTOUCHABLES (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
LAWLESS (R) 10:20, 1:05, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35. Digital Presentation
MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 12:40, 7:20. Digital Presentation
MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 4:05, 10:35. RealD 3D; Sun 4:05. RealD 3D
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri and Sat 11:15, 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-2:20-4:50-7:35-10:05. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN (PG) Fri and Sat 10:30, 1:15, 6:10, 10:55. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-1:15-6:10. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN 3D (PG) 3:45, 8:30. RealD 3D
THE POSSESSION (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:20, 2:40, 4:10, 5:15, 6:30, 7:55, 9:00, 10:25, 11:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:20-2:40-4:10-5:15-6:30-7:50-9:00-10:10. Digital Presentation
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:25, 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25-12:55-3:20-5:40-8:10. Digital Presentation
SPARKLE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:35, 4:45, 7:35, 10:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:35-1:35-4:45-7:35-10:20. Digital Presentation
TED (R) Fri and Sat 6:45, 9:30, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 6:45-9:30. Digital Presentation
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:25, 12:35, 2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:45, 7:10, 8:45, 9:45, 11:15, 12:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:25-12:35-2:00-3:10-4:35-5:45-7:10-8:45-9:45. Digital Presentation

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Route 1 and Bristol Rd.
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (PG-13) 11:20, 5:00. Digital Presentation
BACHELORETTE (R) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35, 12:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-2:00-4:40-7:05-9:35.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-1:00-4:05-7:15-10:20. Digital Presentation
BRANDED (R) 10:40, 1:15, 4:15, 6:55, 9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
BRAVE (PG) 11:10, 4:25. Digital Presentation
BRAVE IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:50. RealD 3D
THE CAMPAIGN (R) Fri and Sat 11:45, 2:30, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00, 12:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:35-10:00. Digital Presentation
CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER (R) Fri and Sat 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55, 12:25.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:40-2:15-4:50-7:20-9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:55, 1:35, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30, 12:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:55-1:35-4:05-6:50-9:30. Digital Presentation
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 10:35, 2:25, 6:10, 9:50. Digital Presentation
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 10:15. Digital Presentation;IMAX
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 10:50, 1:25, 4:00. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) Fri and Sat 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:35-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:25. Digital Presentation
HIT & RUN (R) Fri and Sat 11:25, 2:05, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:25-2:05-4:55-7:25-9:55. Digital Presentation
HOPE SPRINGS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:50-2:30-5:15-7:45-10:15. Digital Presentation
ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 10:15, 3:10. Digital Presentation
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LAWLESS (R) Fri and Sat 10:25, 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25-1:35-4:35-7:25-10:10. Digital Presentation
MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 6:55. Digital Presentation
MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15. RealD 3D; Sun 10:20. RealD 3D
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 10:40, 1:10, 3:50, 6:35, 9:15. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN (PG) 11:15, 4:40. Digital Presentation
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THE POSSESSION (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:15, 1:45, 2:35, 4:20, 6:45, 8:05, 9:20, 10:45, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-1:45-2:35-4:20-6:45-8:05-9:20-10:30. Digital Presentation
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05, 11:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:05. Digital Presentation
ROBOT & FRANK (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
SPARKLE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 6:30, 9:25, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 6:30-9:25. Digital Presentation
TED (R) Fri and Sat 7:50, 10:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 7:50-10:25. Digital Presentation
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:45, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45, 11:00, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:45-12:15-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:45-10:30. Digital Presentation

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BRAVE (PG) Fri 12:20, 2:40, 7:25, 9:50. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 9:50-12:20-2:40-7:25-9:50. Digital Presentation
BRAVE IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 5:05. RealD 3D
CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER (R) Fri 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:15-12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) Fri 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 9:50-12:15-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:15. Digital Presentation
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HIT & RUN (R) 11:15, 4:30, 10:10. Digital Presentation
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri 1:15, 4:05, 6:35, 9:10. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:45-1:15-4:05-6:35-9:10. Digital Presentation
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SPARKLE (PG-13) Fri 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:05-1:10-4:00-7:00-9:50. Digital Presentation
TOTAL RECALL (PG-13) 1:45, 7:15. Digital Presentation
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:00-12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30. Digital Presentation

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THE CAMPAIGN (R) Fri 1:45, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:30-1:45-4:00-6:05-8:15-10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-1:45-4:00-6:05-8:15. Digital Presentation
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) Fri 12:30, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sat 10:10-12:30-3:10-5:35-8:00-10:25.; Sun 10:10-12:30-3:10-5:35-8:00.
HOPE SPRINGS (PG-13) Fri 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; Sat 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35.; Sun 11:00-1:30-4:10-7:10.
LAWLESS (R) Fri 1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:30-10:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:30. Digital Presentation
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:20-2:15-4:50-7:20-9:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-2:15-4:50-7:20. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN (PG) Fri 2:30, 7:00. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:00-2:30-7:00. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAN 3D (PG) Fri 4:45, 9:15. RealD 3D; Sat 12:15-4:45-9:15. RealD 3D; Sun 12:15-4:45. RealD 3D
THE POSSESSION (PG-13) Fri 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sat 10:50-1:15-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30.; Sun 10:50-1:15-3:30-5:50-8:10.
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) Fri 12:50, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sat 10:30-12:50-3:40-5:50-8:05-10:20.; Sun 10:30-12:50-3:40-5:50-8:05.
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Sat 10:20-12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00.; Sun 10:20-12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40.

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824 West Lancaster Avenue
BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun 1:30-4:00-7:00.
FIRST POSITION (NR) Sat 1:45
ROBOT & FRANK (PG-13) Fri 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sat 4:15-7:15-9:30.; Sun 1:45-4:15-7:15.

Clearview's Anthony Wayne
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109 West Lancaster Avenue
2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA (PG) Fri 4:30, 7:30, 10:00. Digital Projection; Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:00. Digital Projection; Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30. Digital Projection
THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 7:00, 9:45; Sat 12:45-3:45-7:00-9:45.; Sun 12:45-3:45-7:00.
THE INTOUCHABLES (R) Fri 4:00, 7:15, 9:50; Sat 1:15-4:00-7:15-9:50.; Sun 1:15-4:00-7:15.
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) Fri 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sat 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:30.; Sun 1:30-4:15-7:00.
PARANORMAN (PG) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:00; Sat 1:00-3:45-6:45-9:00.; Sun 1:00-3:45-6:45.

Clearview's Bala Theatre
610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA (PG) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:20. Digital Projection; Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:20. Digital Projection; Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15. Digital Projection
CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER (R) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:15.; Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00.
HOPE SPRINGS (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:10; Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:10.; Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45.

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
THE WORDS (PG-13) Fri 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30.; Sun 2:00-4:30-7:00.

Narberth Stadium 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
A CAT IN PARIS (UNE VIE DE CHAT) (PG) Fri 4:00, 8:00. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 1:30-4:00-8:00. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 1:30-4:00. DLP-Digital Projection
THE IMPOSTER (R) Fri and Sat 5:45, 9:50. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 5:45. DLP-Digital Projection
LAWLESS (R) Fri 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 1:15-4:15-7:00-9:45. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 1:15-4:15-7:00. DLP-Digital Projection

Regal Marketplace 24
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180 Mill Road
2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA (PG) 1:35, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) 12:10, 3:20, 6:20, 9:45
BRANDED (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
BRAVE (PG) 12:55, 3:45, 6:35, 9:15
THE CAMPAIGN (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25
CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 1:00, 4:45, 8:40
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20
EK THA TIGER (NR) 12:25, 3:25, 6:25, 9:25
THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 2:05, 5:05, 7:40, 10:40
HIT & RUN (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45
HOPE SPRINGS (PG-13) 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 1:15, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
JOKER (NR) 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40
LAWLESS (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 1:20, 3:55, 6:15, 9:05
MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10. Digital Projection
THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:40
PARANORMAN (PG) 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35
PARANORMAN 3D (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35. RealD 3D
THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE WORDS (PG-13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55

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1011 W Ridge Pike
2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
BRANDED (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:05
THE CAMPAIGN (R) 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 1:00, 3:40, 6:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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Talking point

▶ Khalifa and Rose (and their impending kid beneath her hand)

VMA pregnancy announcement (reprise)

Following in the footsteps of Beyonce, at last night's VMAs, **Wiz Khalifa** and **Amber Rose** announced that they're expecting a little one. Just a few weeks after she was photographed sporting an engagement ring, the pair went public last night.

THE WORD

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– Today's Word was written by Pat Healy

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▶ Frank Ocean was an early highlight of last night's VMAs.

The VMAs: What's shocking is that nothing's shocking

It's a ceremony celebrated for its controversy, so it makes perfect sense that **Rihanna** kicked off the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards with her single, "Cockiness," which begins with the little bit more than suggestive lyric, "suck my cockiness." But what was surprising about the good girl gone bad was that she was covered up like **Lauryn Hill** climbing Mt. Everest.

Pink began her segment by playing keyboards and drums, but that may have actually been the most shocking part of her act. Though she was accompanied by giant confetti-spewing mouths wearing lingerie, her performance of the also provocatively titled "(Blow Me) One Last Kiss" was quite tame due to the bleeping of lyrics.

Many of the performances had a vibe of muted controversy. But what is perhaps most shocking is that **Chris Brown** still receives awards at these things.

The ceremony

Ocean of emotion

In his hosting duties, comedian **Kevin Hart** managed to make fun of people while seeming like he was the most compassionate man on the planet. He arrived with a group of little people acting as his security detail, saying that MTV made a mistake when he asked for "a little security." He then humorously detailed other mistakes made by a lot of the celebrities in the crowd, touching upon the beef between **Chris Brown** and **Drake** and **Kristen Stewart**'s infidelity. He even made fun of **Frank Ocean** coming out of the closet, albeit tactfully.

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▶ Kevin Hart rocks out with Green Day, who brought a brief moment of near-anarchy when they invited fans onstage.

The only problem was that Ocean was amazing in his performance of "Thinking About You." Accompanied only by an electric guitarist, he sang the song in a set made to look like a seaside campfire. He nailed his flowing falsetto notes, but as he sang the chorus, the joke that Hart made kept coming to mind — the host had said that Ocean originally sang, "I've been thinking about you, Leeroy" when he meant to sing, "I've been thinking about you, Lisa."

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THAT OTHER F-WORD

Feminist, funny and naked: Admit it — you don't usually put these words together
Two Live Arts shows aren't afraid to let it all hang out and ask some questions about feminism

Live Arts Festival

The title of Young Jean Lee's latest show is, at first glance, not very significant. It is almost forgettable in its vagueness, almost shy in its seemingly undone state. And yet, more than the rave reviews it collected when it debuted in New York in January, the nontitle of "Untitled Feminist Show" will likely determine whether you even consider buying tickets to it.

"The cast and I just felt that we wanted to put the word 'feminist' in the title," says Lee, who is bringing the show to Philly as part of the Live Arts Festival. "We noticed that we were all kind of shocked that a lot of women don't want to be thought of as feminists — they have some stereotyped image of what that is. To me, anything that is feminist is attempting to fight against the idea that someone born in a female body is not the equal of someone born in a male body."

"Untitled Feminist Show" mixes dance, theater and cabaret — in the nude — as it toys with whatever ideas about feminism you bring into the theater. And it is, perhaps surprisingly, a through-and-through comedy.

If you're struggling to connect how naked feminists can be funny, you're not alone. When creating her own Live Arts show, "Bang," Philly theater artist Charlotte Ford asked herself a question that had been nagging her for a while: Can women be both sexy and funny? "As an actor and creator in theater, there was a real switch in myself when I was playing a pretty character to being funny," says Ford. "In the past, when I was doing comedy, I would make these really grotesque characters. Somewhere, I learned that when being funny, you have to be ugly in some way — and I was really interested in that."

Like "Untitled Feminist Show," "Bang" requires its cast to strip down while earning laughs. And while a naked woman isn't usually commanding an audience's attention because she's funny, Ford and fellow performers Lee Etzold and Sarah Sanford found that there is, indeed, a way to be both.

"We tried to create women who desired, not just were desired. And that seemed to me to be the key to the comedy," says Ford. "Being the person who was desiring automatically took you out of the role of being passive. That leads to you being a person — and people are funny. Things aren't so much funny."

Quoted

"It was interesting how radical it felt being onstage, figuring out what we want. It was fun to answer the question, 'What would you do if there were no social constraints? What would you do if you could do exactly what you wanted?' It feels dangerous, and it's uncomfortable."
CHARLOTTE FORD

BLAINE DAVIS

▶ "Untitled Feminist Show" runs Sept. 19-21 at the Suzanne Roberts Theatre.

▶ "Bang" runs through Sept. 12 at Christ Church Neighborhood House.

KEVIN MONKO

If you go

Festival 101

The 2012 Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe kicks off Friday and runs through Sept. 22.

As the name suggests, there are two very distinct but very related parts to the annual festival (we like to think of it like cookie dough ice cream). The Live Arts portion is a curated selection of the best of what the international performing arts world has to offer. The tickets are a little more expensive, the audiences sit a little more still and it's likely the venue will be air conditioned — or at least have real chairs — if you're into that sort of thing.

The Fringe (see page 17) is an open call of sorts that packs around 140 programs by Philly-based artists, from established, acclaimed local companies to your neighbor who decided to create an "installation" on his porch — if you're into that sort of thing.

You should sample some of both, and you should check back with Metro throughout for our picks. For tickets, visit **www.livearts-fringe.org.**

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Metro picks

Live Arts must-sees

1 'Food Court' Sept. 20-22
Australia's Back to Back Theatre creates productions with artists who have, or are perceived to have, a range of disabilities. And so their latest show, "Food Court," becomes about much more than a near-death experience at a suburban mall. What's funny, what's exploitative, who's vulnerable, who's OK to look at naked: You'll have to do more thinking than you usually do at the food court — or even in a theater, for that matter.

2 'Sequence 8' Sept. 18-23
We thought Montreal-based circus troupe 7 Fingers pulled out all of their high-flying, gasp-inducing, oh-no-she-didn't tricks last year, but they're back for more. Their latest production, "Sequence 8," interprets Carl Jung through a mix of acrobatics and theater — which we suppose is as good a method as any.

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3 'The Gates Reopened" Sept. 14-22
Philly choreographer Brian Sanders is a Live Arts darling for good reason: In a festival that can, on occasion, take itself pretty seriously, he never forgets to have fun — and he isn't afraid to add a little fire. His latest, "The Gates Reopened," takes place in a warehouse on the Delaware River, the perfect place to house his jungle gym of a set.

4

4 'Le Grand Continental' Saturday and Sunday
The premise of choreographer Sylvain Emard's piece is simple: Dance flash mobs are fun to watch, even in the most jaded of cities (here's winking at you, Philly). This 30-minute performance by 200 local dancers takes over the Art Museum steps this Saturday (4 and 8 p.m.) and Sunday (4 p.m.).

Fringe benefits

- This year, the Philly Fringe is offering up 140 productions across the city
- Metro's resident Fringe expert, Bruce Walsh, tells us what not to miss

Philly Fringe

'Raw Stitch'
Prolific local playwright Jacqueline Goldfinger is utilizing Fringe in an inspired way: "Raw Stitch" is a collection of her most raunchy, bawdy, politically insensitive material. And she's throwing cheap beer on top of it all!

'Othello, Desdemona & Iago Walk Into a Bar'
Upstart director Mark Kennedy has worked extensively with groups like Pig Iron Theatre Company and New Paradise Laboratories. That should be a solid foundation for his latest concept: reimagining "Othello" in a go-go bar — or at least fragments of the play, along with a few surprises.
Sept. 8-23, The Trestle Inn, 339 N. 11th St., $15

'Dostoyevsky Man'
Typically, Philly Fringe's film category is amongst the least lively of the festival. But this year longtime local theater makers Larry Loebell and Seth Reichgott have teamed up to create an inspired DIY movie. Shot entirely on an iPhone, "Dostoyevsky" centers on a laid-off professor desperate to win his job back.
Sept. 14 & 16, 211 S. Broad St., eighth floor, $9

From left: Mike Doherty, Alex Bechtel and Greg Nix star in "Jeff Coon and Ben Dibble Must Die."

(These are all things a respected playwright cannot get away with in regional theater.)
Sept. 8-22, Quig's Pub, 1714 Delancey Place, third floor, $12

'Jeff Coon and Ben Dibble Must Die'

Let's take a moment to celebrate how far Philadelphia has come as a theater town: We now have whole shows based on theater scene inside jokes. For noninsiders: Jeff Coon and Ben Dibble are two of the most successful professional actors in Philadelphia. Local actors Alex Bechtel, Michael Doherty and Greg Nix are constantly losing parts to them. Let the insanity begin!
Sept. 5-10, Skinner Studio at Plays and Players Theatre, 1714 Delancey St., $15

KATE RAINES

"Some Other Mettle" is a must-see.

'Some Other Mettle'

Over the last five years, Applied Mechanics has gone from DIY to one of the most polished theater groups in Philadelphia, thanks in large measure to designer Maria Shaplin's ingenious visual concepts. This time out the company explores the power of human determination in a shape-shifting performance space.
Sept. 8-18, Jolie Laide Gallery, 224 N. Juniper St., $15

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But wait ...

When Bruce Walsh isn't telling us what Fringe shows to see, he's staging his own. Catch his latest show, "Chomsky vs. Buckley, 1969," on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. For Fringe tickets, visit www.livearts-fringe.org.

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A little slice of pizza heaven

The world's first pizza museum and restaurant opens its doors on Friday How their cheesy quest began

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▶ Pizza Brain's collection is world-record worthy.

More than one year ago, Brian "Brain" Dwyer earned the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of pizza-related items. The buzz for Pizza Brain, his Kensington pizza museum and restaurant, has been feverishly building ever since. Finally, this weekend, the wait is over.

Dwyer, 28, speaks like a pizza-crazed, but enlightened, shaman. He says sage things like "Pizza is all around us, all the time," and considers himself a participant-observer of pizza culture's historical development. His odd collection began in 2009, with a Fat Boys LP (on the cover, the Brooklyn rappers enjoy a slice), but his pizza quest started much earlier.

"I knew from a very young age that pizza's a happy place, so I pursued it," says Dwyer. "There were a lot of homemade bagel pizzas at home; there are many photos of little me, with a sparkle in my eyes, eating pizza with mom. That's where it started, and maybe then I was baptized in the ball pit at Chuck E. Cheese's."

Before he became Pizza Brain's head of business development, Michael Carter randomly met Dwyer in a coffee shop, and Dwyer invited him to see the collection. "My first thought was just, 'Wow!'" remembers Carter. "The collection transcends so many different genres and social groups; when you see how many cultures have expressed creativity through the text of pizza, it's just incredible."

The space, which is connected to Little Baby's Ice Cream World Headquarters, is "a restaurant, but also a nonlinear, living art installation," says Dwyer. He envisions a tourist destination much like The Barnes Foundation, but, of course, much stranger.

"East Kensington's already a mysterious, weird place," says Dwyer, "and we're definitely keeping it weird. I don't fully understand the power of pizza, I'm merely trying to facilitate it. I just want to open a door that invites people into the experience."

▶ Keeping it weird: The Pizza Brain crew are, from left, Ryan Anderson, Michael Carter, Brian Dwyer and Joe Hunter.

If you go

Grand opening

Pizza Brain (2313-2311 Frankford Ave.) opens Friday at 5 p.m. Stop by for an opening pizza party complete with dessert courtesy of next-door neighbor Little Baby's Ice Cream.

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Greek wine 101

Master Sommelier Doug Frost breaks down his favorites in this emerging group of hot-shot grapes

Greek wines are relatively new to the American market, and with long names like Agiorgitiko and Moschofilero, they can be a little intimidating.

Doug Frost, one of three people in the world who holds the titles of master sommelier and master of wine, calls the arrival of Greek wines a genuine movement. Despite Greece's hot climate, Frost says that the grapes retain their acidic identity, allowing for crisp, citrusy wines — something California winemakers dream of.

We asked the master to break down some of the best ways to enjoy these wines.

Assyrtiko: This grape mainly grows on the island of Santorini and pairs well with foods like mussels and oysters.

"The jolt of acidity is kind of like lemon over your oysters," Frost says of this white wine.

Moschofilero: Don't let the aromatic, floral smell trick you into thinking that this is a sweet wine. Frost recommends serving it as an opener to a meal.

Malagousia: This is a fairly new wine, with aromas of peach and apricot. It's citrusy and tangy, and a bit richer in body. Frost recommends serving it with grilled scallops.

Agiorgitiko: Since Greek wines are still relatively unknown in the U.S., Frost says Agiorgitiko is the one people understand the most. Its red cherry flavors make it comparable to a pinot noir. Pair it with medium-bodied dishes such as roasted chicken.

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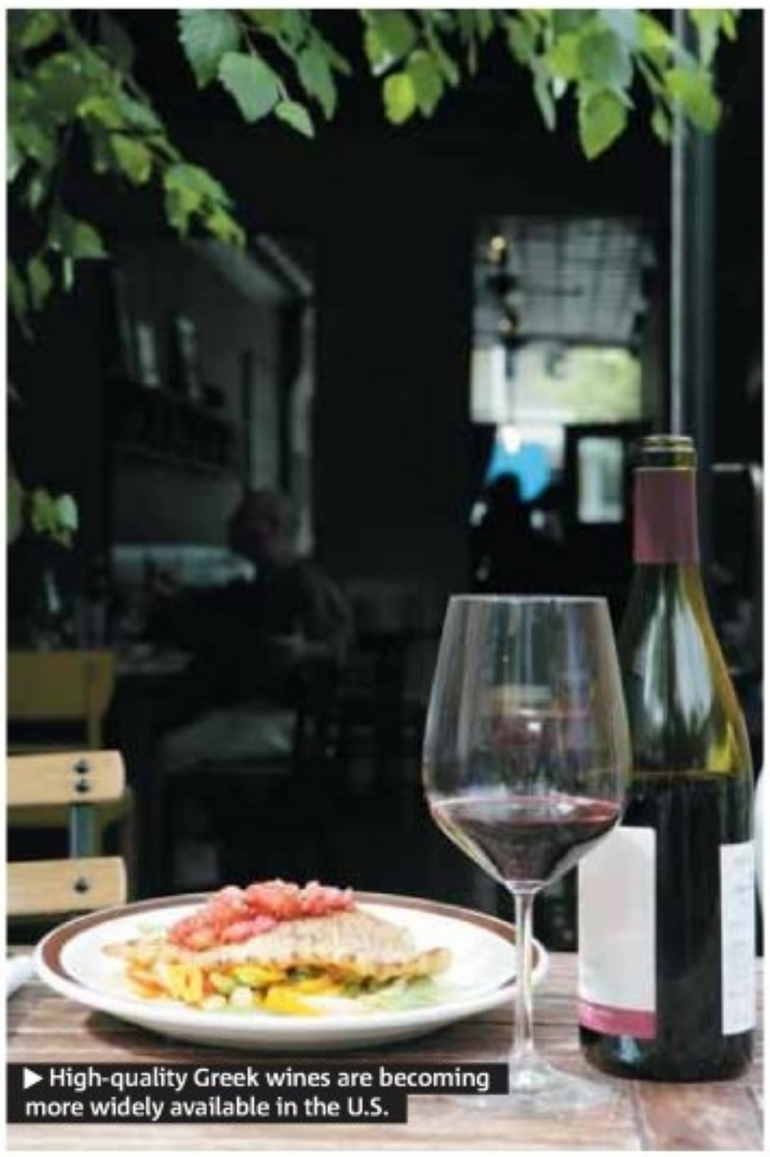
Expert tip

Don't dig deep into your wallet this weekend. Plenty of quality Greek wines are priced in the $10-$20 per bottle range.



▶ High-quality Greek wines are becoming more widely available in the U.S.

Weekend tip

In other tipsy Greek news:

Philly Greek hot spot **Opa** (1311 Sansom St.) rolled out a new beer garden over the summer. Complete with ping-pong tables, a casual snack-centric menu and plenty of brews, it's a sneaky little oasis in Midtown Village — if you know it's there.

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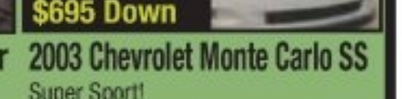
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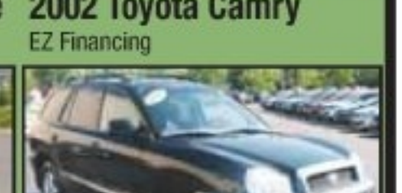
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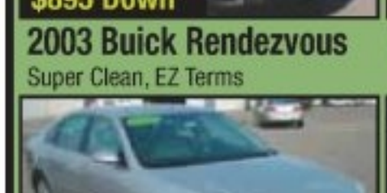
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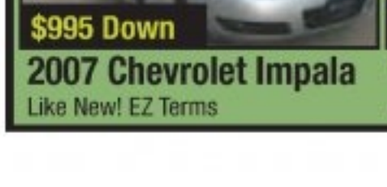
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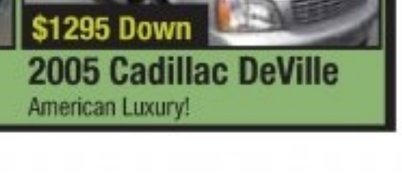
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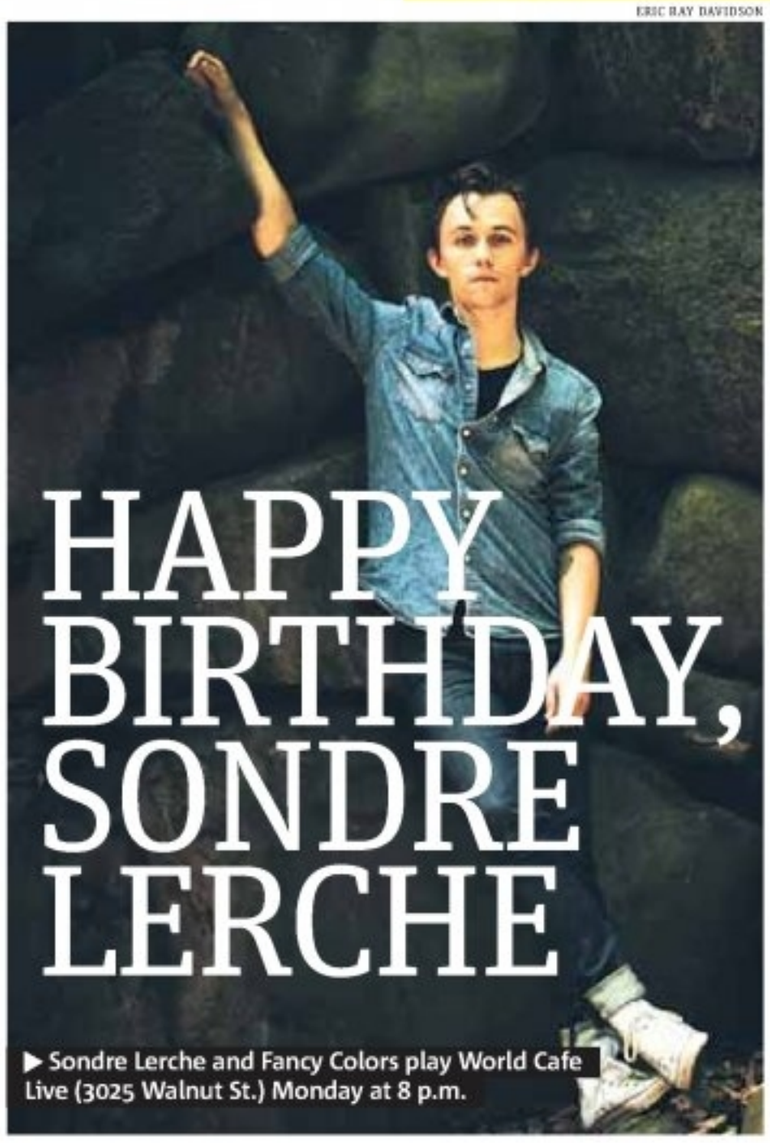

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONDRE LERCHE

▶ Sondre Lerche and Fancy Colors play World Cafe Live (3025 Walnut St.) Monday at 8 p.m.

Singer celebrates his 30th with shows and retrospective releases
'I felt 30 when I was 16,' he says

Leaving behind your 20s does something to a man. He takes stock and, if he's Sondre Lerche, releases his entire back catalog on vinyl (for the first time) and issues a live album, "Bootlegs."

Then he hits the road for a four-week retrospective tour.

"I've got some schedule," he says. "Really, this tour is prolonging the celebration of my 30th birthday for a whole month."

"Bootlegs" features recordings from his native Bergen, Norway, and various clubs in Brooklyn, where he has lived since 2005. A songbook featuring sheet music for all his songs completes his retrospective. "The songbook took me years to do because I can't read or write music, so I had to get help from various scholarly friends. It all makes for a new and interesting way to look back at my first 10 years without putting out a boring 'best of' album."

Lerche's backing band on this tour is also the opener, Fancy Colors, which features members of Jupiter One, Of Montreal and CHAPPO. "New musicians bring out something new," says Lerche. "Fancy Colors went back to the original recordings to learn the songs, so they are more aware of things in them that we want to hold onto, because I might have lost sight of them."

Portrait of the artist at 30

"It feels pretty natural, 30 years. I felt 30 when I was 16. Now it feels like it makes sense. It all sort of balances out," says Lerche. "It's a birthday, something to celebrate. And 30 is a good number. I'm looking forward to it."

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Don't worry — he's got a cunning plan

RE: "GOP'S GOT PEOPLE FEELING LUCKY AGAIN" (METRO, SEPT. 5) Mr. McLaughlin has it all wrong. You can't clean up an eight-year mess in four years. Romney has no concern for anyone but himself and how wealthy he can get off of your dime. He has in the past done exactly the opposite of his supposed platform. He has directly lost jobs through Bain Capital. He has no plan for the economy other than, "I have a plan." The GOP even has Fox News reporting about the amount of "lies" coming out of the RNC. If Fox News, which is clearly in the Republican pocket, would say this, you can imagine how bad it really is. Despite Mr. Eastwood's rambling farce, nothing was done at that convention except to prove P.T. Barnum was correct: "There's a sucker born every minute." Romney is counting on this.

BRIAN GRAU, VIA E-MAIL

RE: "GOP'S GOT PEOPLE FEELING LUCKY AGAIN" (METRO, SEPT. 5) I'm not sure which people John is referring to, here. and if any one of them are feeling lucky, it's only because they see the Republican nomination as one big table game — and the last time they were allowed to throw the dice, they crapped out big time. Now I know it's not just me, but at the recent RNC I happened to notice a sea of many faces, and out of all of them there were very little if any that represented African- , Latino-, Jewish-, Native- and Asian-Americans. I guess the GOP's future plans only encompass mainly the rich white conservative Americans. For if it included anyone else, I'm sure they would have been there in numbers.

JONATHAN PERRY, VIA E-MAIL

Hope drives US more than money

In my view, the question of whether my family is better off now than we were four years ago is not a matter of dollars in our pockets. It is a matter of hope for a more peaceful future, for a society that takes care of its people and the peoples of the world, for a society that allows us the freedom to be who we are, for a society that takes care of its planet, for a society that values education and for a society that embraces its diversity and cherishes the contributions of its members.

These are values the greed-driven far-right Republican Party finds repugnant. Shame on them. I am voting for President Barack Obama in November.

LARRY ABRAMSKY, VIA E-MAIL

Dems' vote bucket poked full of holes

RE: "SEX SELLS ... VOTES?" (METRO, SEPT. 6) Paul Simons hasn't got the memo from the DNC — the fake "Republican War on Women" hasn't worked. Romney is up among women and Obama is down.

Not hard to believe, coming from the party of Bill Clinton, Anthony Weiner, John Edwards, Ted Kennedy and Elliott Spitzer. Didn't see that coming. "Republicans support bad sex?"

Looks like someone is supporting MSNBC Kool-Aid, right Paul?

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** An opportunity might come your way through a very unusual channel. Pay attention if someone with a good track record approaches you with a unique proposition.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you're negotiating something important, be leery of making unnecessary concessions. You're in a stronger bargaining position than you may realize.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even though you might be drawn into a problematical situation not of your own making, after everything and everybody settles down it could end up being extremely beneficial.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't rush to judgment regarding an idea hatched by your spouse or significant other. After considering other factors, it might not be as outlandish as you first thought.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Owing to your ability to revitalize endeavors that are gasping for life, friends and associates might end up looking on you as a champion of lost causes.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Think twice before rejecting a social invitation to join a gathering that would involve meeting new people. Chances are it will turn out to be an entry into a wonderful, new group.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Lady Luck may take it upon herself to engineer two new, potentially profitable developments for you. Each will be completely different from and unrelated to the other.

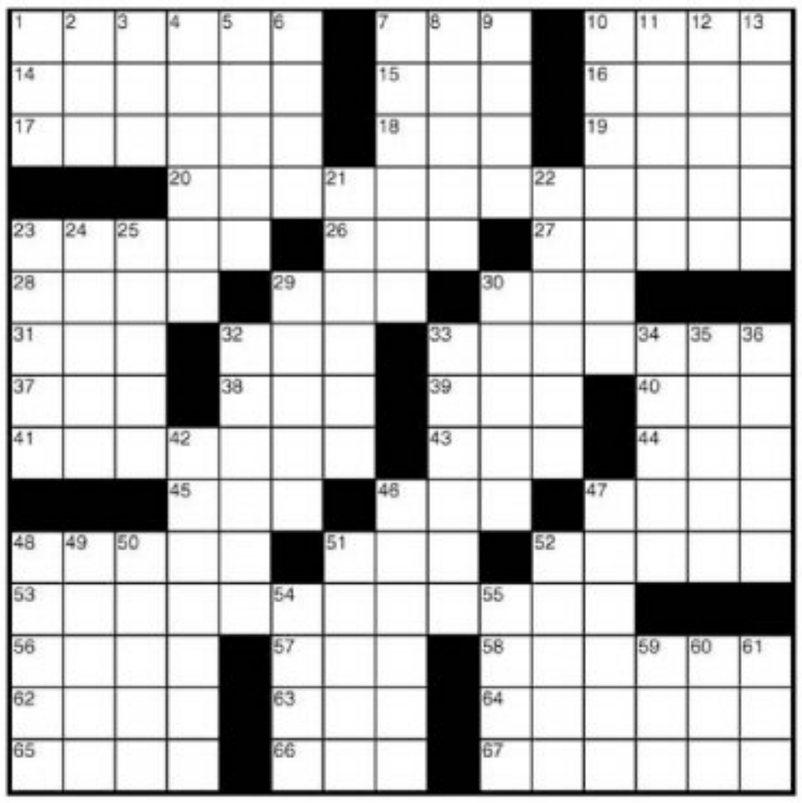
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Do your best to put your colleagues at ease. In fact, there could be more than one person with sagging spirits who could use some serious buoying up.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because your upbeat attitude has you seeing orchids where others only see weeds, chances are you'll be the one who spots a great opportunity that all of your cohorts are missing.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Some of your ideas concerning a promising situation are excellent. Now all you need is to have enough belief in your abilities to put your ideas to work.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because what goes around comes around, you are likely to be rewarded for a previous kindness. Ironically, recompense won't come from the original recipient.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even at the expense of shelving an ongoing project, stop and devote some time to getting your latest interest started. Chances are you'll make more productive headway with this new project. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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What can Brown do for Eagles offense?

Explosive rookie stating case to be McCoy's backup • Led team in preseason rushing stats • Learning value of blocking • Coaches quiet on No. 2 running back, signs point to Lewis

If Andy Reid stays true to his word and cuts down LeSean McCoy's workload, that could open a huge door for another running back.

While Dion Lewis is considered the backup, rookie Bryce Brown has put his hat in the ring after a stellar preseason.

When offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg was asked who McCoy's backup is heading into the opener, he replied, "We'll see."

Brown was mum on the subject, saying the coaching staff hasn't filled him in.

"I haven't been told anything," Brown said. "I'm just preparing as I would for any other game and if my name is called, when it's time to go, I'll be ready to go."

Brown emerged as a fan favorite over the past month. He ran for 122 yards on 28 carries and a score in the preseason. Brown also showed great pass-catching ability, a must in Reid's offense, and a good burst, as evidenced by a 33-yard sprint against Pittsburgh.

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▶ Brown delivers a nasty stiff arm during the Eagles' preseason win over New England. The rookie running back finished with 122 yards on 28 carries during the preseason.

That's all well and good, but Brown isn't saving any press clippings. Not yet.

"I just want to continue to get better and not get caught up in all that [hype]," Brown said. "This is just beginning for me, so I look to improve each week and just get better and be consistent at the things I do well."

Brown's biggest challenge is learning how to block effectively. Running backs that can't block — even ones as explosive as Brown — won't see too much playing time here. That has been drilled into Brown from day one.

"Definitely, that's part of this offense, too," Brown said. "You got to protect the quarterback because we're a pass-first team. We want to keep our quarterbacks healthy and safe all season."

Mornhinweg has noticed marked improvement in Brown's blocking.

"He's a big, strong man now," he said. "He's bigger than people think and stronger than people think. He's done a nice job."

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Shady says ...

- **Brown admitted he's picked** McCoy's brain a few times this season, getting some advice from one of the NFL's most dynamic running backs.
- **"He told me, 'Relax, have fun,** pay attention to detail and just do what got you here. Stick to the basics.'"

Kudos

Commish happy with referees

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said the replacement refs did a "more than adequate job" in the Giants-Cowboys game Wednesday night. It marked the first time the NFL used replacement refs since 2001.

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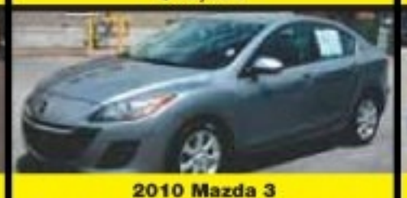
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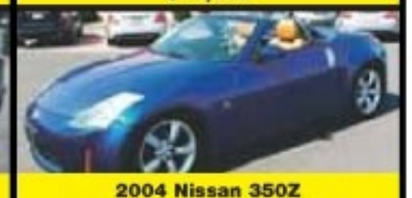
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Returning the favor

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▶ Boykin has shown breakaway potential on kickoff returns throughout training camp and in the preseason.

Depending which way the coin flips Sunday in Cleveland, Brandon Boykin may be the first Eagle to touch the ball in the 2012 season.

The rookie cornerback has the (sometimes) enviable job of returning kickoffs, something he did quite well in training camp. Boykin's first real test came a few weeks ago against the Steelers, when he caught the opening kickoff — eight yards deep, no less — and returned it 46 yards.

The play made special teams coordinator Bobby April smile and cringe at the same time. April doesn't want his return men taking it out from that deep, but the 46-yard result was longer than any kickoff return in 2011.

"I wanted to see what I could get myself and of course the coaches probably think I had more leeway, just because it was preseason," Boykin said. "They just wanted me to get those reps, but now that the season started, I don't have that leeway."

Boykin, a third-round pick from Georgia, is one of the most talented players on the entire roster. The Eagles are counting on him to return kicks, play the nickel corner position and maybe even serve as the gunner on special teams. It's a lot to ask of a rookie, but Boykin has been in this position before after serving as a triple threat in college.

"I don't think the coaches are going to put me in a situation where they didn't feel like I could do it, and I know I can do it," Boykin said. "You are who you are as a player and if you're a playmaker, you're going to make plays, and that's just how I feel."

But is there a limit? Or a danger zone, so to speak, when that ball heads toward the end zone and into his outstretched hands?

"There's no particular number," Boykin said. "It's just how high the ball is and how far the people ahead of me are, it's just really watching my blockers."

Quoted

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Birds' Castillo defends new linebacker

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▶ Ryans

Juan Castillo's voice carries an almost soothing tone when he speaks of his new middle linebacker. DeMeco Ryans was supposed to fix a rush defense that struggled mightily a season ago.

Still, it was hard to ignore those first two preseason games where the Steelers and Patriots seemed to gash the first-team defense in the middle of the field. But Castillo told everyone not to read too much into those games.

"I see it in practice. I've seen it in training camp. I've seen the difference he's made in the middle," Castillo told reporters Thursday.

Castillo touted the leadership qualities Ryans brings to his young defense, a familiar cry these days at the NovaCare Complex. Ryans was brought in largely to fill the void that the team never really fixed after the departure of Brian Dawkins. On that front, he's been as advertised.

"I think it's not always judged on tackles," Castillo said. "We get to see the tape [and] he is feeling comfortable with our system and he's doing a good job for our young kids. I think the thing that's really special is that you see him in installs and the notes that he takes and how he prepares for games. That's invaluable."

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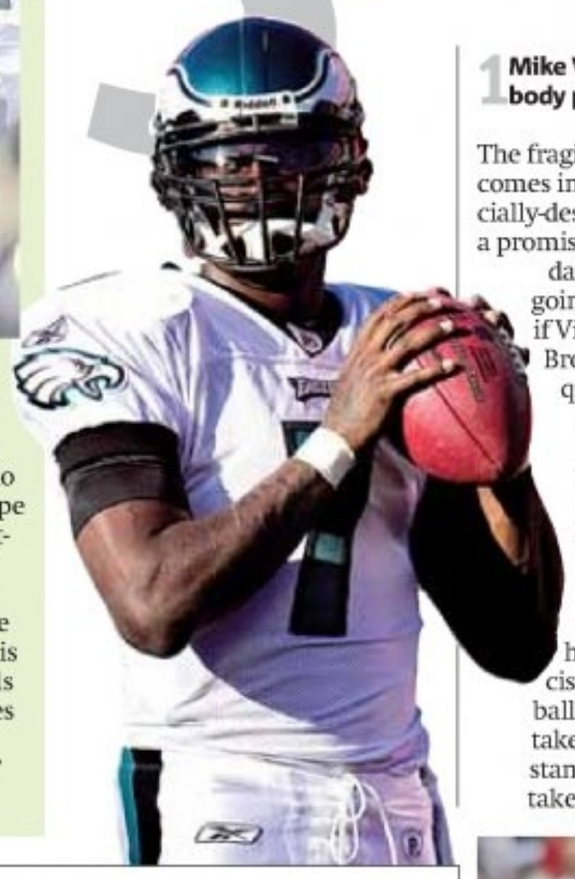

Week 1: Eagles at Browns, Cleveland Browns Stadium
When: Sunday, 1 p.m., FOX Next: vs. Ravens (Sept. 16)

1 Mike Vick's (insert injured body part here) ...

The fragile Eagles quarterback comes in equipped with a specially-designed Kevlar vest and a promise to slide in the face of danger. The Birds aren't going very far this season if Vick gets hurt and the Browns can get to the quarterback. They finished 23rd in the NFL last season (32 total sacks), led by Jabaal Sheard's 8.5 sacks. The second-year man is a straight-up speed end who is coming at you every snap. Vick will have to make quick decisions, either get the ball out, throw it away or take the sack — just don't stand in the pocket and take unnecessary hits.

2 Pressure Weeden, make the rookie taste the turf.

On the other side of the ball, Jim Washburn's Wide-9 rotation has to get in the grill of rookie QB Brandon Weeden early and often. The sooner he gets his 'welcome-to-the-NFL' moment, the better. If Weeden is allowed to take his time and develop a rhythm, he'll also gain confidence (the worst thing to give a rookie) and the Eagles could be in for a long day. Get Weeden's brand-new No. 3 jersey dirty, looking at you Jason Babin and Trent Cole. Defensive coordinator Juan Castillo said as many as nine defensive linemen could see action. "If nine guys suit up [then] we'll have nine guys who will play," Castillo said.

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▶ Weeden

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▶ Jackson

3 Break out the fireworks as early as possible.

Some of the Eagles' biggest victories have been set up by the first offensive play of the game. Remember when Vick hooked up with DeSean Jackson two seasons ago in Washington in that epic, record-breaking rout? Come out swinging here. Just send Jackson on a deep go-route and chuck it up, as long as the pass is on target no one is going to catch No. 10. You'll grab early momentum and silence the crowd in one shot.

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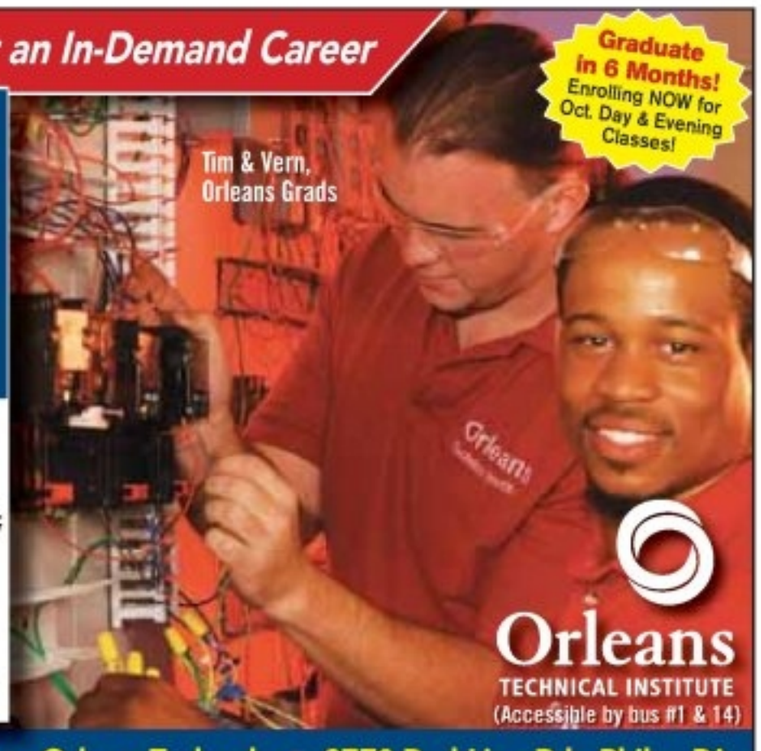

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Serena will be tough out at US Open

Williams looking for major title No. 15 Odds on favorite to take it

Serena Williams wants to go out with a bang.

With the U.S. Open semifinals and finals looming Friday and Saturday, Williams wants to add yet another major championship — the 15th of her career — to her trophy case.

"Just go out with a bang," said Williams, a three-time U.S. Open champ who last won here in 2008. "Just do the best that I can. That's what I want to do."

In Friday's semis, No. 4 Williams faces No. 10 Sara Errani of Italy in one match, while No. 1 Victoria Azarenka meets No. 3 Maria Sharapova in the other.

The final is set for primetime Saturday night on CBS.

Twice in the last three years, Serena has been undone by her own temper when she exploded at Open officials at critical times late in the tournament.

If she can avoid a similar meltdown and keep serving at such a blistering pace, she will be tough to beat.

Williams, who many feel has the best serve in the history of the women's game, leads the women's draw with 41 aces and is tied for the fastest serve at 124 mph.

"She was serving unbelievable," former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic said after Williams beat her, 6-1, 6-3, in 58 minutes in the quarterfinals. "She was hardly missing serves. That puts a lot of pressure on opponents' own service games."

Asked if she would be surprised if Williams didn't win the tournament, Ivanovic laughed and said, "Yeah, very."

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▶ Serena Williams dismantled Ana Ivanovic in less than an hour Wednesday night.

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